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Reply to Office action of October 11, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for a thorough review of the above-referenced application. Applicant has amended Claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 19, 21, 22, 23, 29, and 36 to more clearly define the invention, as explained more fully below. Applicant has canceled Claims 2 and 17, as the limitations in these claims were duplicative of the amendments to independent Claims 1 and 13 set forth in the Amendment dated June 20, 2005. Applicant requests reconsideration of Claims 1, 3-16, 18-37, 39, and 41-42 in view of the Amendments and Remarks set forth herein.

The Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112 Should be Withdrawn

The Office Action rejected Claims 1-37, 39, 41-42 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, asserting that the limitation "a wall" is unclear due to the previous reference in independent Claims 1, 13 and 36 to a "peripheral wall". Applicant has amended Claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 19, 21, 22, 23, 29, and 36 to clarify that the limitation "a wall" is the "front wall" of the display window. Applicant submits that Claims 1, 3-16, 18-37, 39, and 41-42, as amended, particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the rejection under 35 USC § 112 should be withdrawn.

The Rejection Under 35 USC § 103 Should be Withdrawn

The Office Action rejected Claims 1-37, 39, 41-42 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 4,362,244 to Cornou in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,058,638 Slattebrekk. Applicant notes that the rejection of Claims 2 and 17 is moot, as these claims have been canceled.

Regarding the rejections of Claims 1, 3-16, 18-37, 39, and 41-42 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over the Cornou '244 patent in view of the Slattebrekk '638 patent, Applicant respectfully submits that the combination of Cornou with Slattebrekk is improper, as it ignores the express teachings of the Cornou '244 patent. In this regard, the Cornou '244 patent teaches that "[w]hen projections are provided to protect the indicia they limit the depth of nesting of the two


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containers” and that “projections from the lower surface of the container tend to be very fragile and are easily broken off.” (See Col. 1, ll. 66-68 to Col. 2, ll. 1-3). Thus, there is no motivation to modify the storage container of Cornou to include the information holder of Slattebrekk, as Cornou expressly teaches away from such a modification. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection directed to Claims 1, 3-16, 18-37, 39, and 41-42 be withdrawn.

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It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

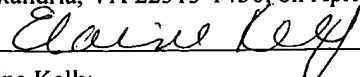
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